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Country/ entity	Philippines
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP), the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) and the Third Party Facilitator, the Royal Norwegian Government
Date	25 Jun 2004
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - ) )
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Philippines-NDF process
Parties	3 signatures (see notes)
Third parties	-
Description	The Agreements lists 10 points which describe the role of the designated Finance Agent of the Norweigan Government and their financial support to the Joint Monitoring Committee and its Joint Secretariat. Amongst other things, the Finance Agent will review and submit budget for funding to the third party facilitator, release funds and disburse money and allowances for the staff and personnel and staff. Moreover, the Finance Agent retains the right to review the disbursement and utilization of funds.

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## Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/ displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing      No specific mention.

Military power sharing      No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

Human rights/RoL general      No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar      No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation      No specific mention.

Civil and political rights      No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights      No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

Citizenship      No specific mention.

Democracy      No specific mention.

Detention procedures      No specific mention.

Media and communication      No specific mention.

Mobility/access      No specific mention.

Protection measures      No specific mention.

Other      No specific mention.

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### **Rights institutions**

NHRI      No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions      No specific mention.

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### **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law      No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions      No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts      No specific mention.

Prisons and detention      No specific mention.

Traditional Laws    No specific mention.

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### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction    No specific mention.

National economic plan    No specific mention.

Natural resources    No specific mention.

International funds Note: Agreement is entirely about the administration of international funds to the Joint Monitoring Committee.

Page 1, Untitled Preamble

The respective Monitoring Committees of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP), the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), through their respective Chairpersons, by authority of their respective Negotiating Panels have agreed with the Third Party Facilitator the Royal Norwegian Government that the following will guide the role of the designated Finance Agent (employed by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, CHD) of the Third Party Facilitator and their financial support to the Joint Monitoring Committee and its Joint Secretariat:

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1. The Finance Agent will relate with the respective sections of the GRP and the NDFP in the Joint Secretariat in reviewing and submitting a budget for funding of the Joint Secretariat to the Third Party Facilitator.

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2. The Finance Agent will release funds and disburse money in accordance with the allotments contained in the approved budget for the Joint Secretariat for an initial three (3) month period.

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3. The Finance Agent will release funds to the respective sections of the GRP and the NDFP in the Joint Secretariat for their daily expenses on a monthly basis to ensure their efficient and smooth operations and to receive receipts and supporting documents of the liquidation of such expenses.

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4. The Finance Agent will release directly the allowances or honoraria for the staff and personnel of the GRP and the independent nominees and contracted staff of the NDFP sections in the Joint Secretariat every 15th and 30th of the month.

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5. The Finance Agent will relate with the respective Heads of the GRP and NDFP sections in the Joint Secretariat as limited agents or representatives of their respective Monitoring Committees exclusively on disbursement and release of funds for the operations of the Joint Secretariat; provided that the power to audit shall be vested in another entity.

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6. The Finance Agent will hold office, consistent with its role and function, outside and Independent of the Joint Secretariat offices.

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7. The Finance Agent will deal with the building administrator or officers of the corporation that owns the offices being leased by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, as representative of the Royal Norwegian Government, for the benefit of the Joint Secretariat, exclusively on financial matters related thereto.

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Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

Land reform/  
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

Security  
Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal  
of foreign  
forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/  
organised  
crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner  
release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing  
persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

UN  
signatory No specific mention.

Other  
international  
signatory Most likely Norway, but signatures not printed.

Referendum  
for  
agreement No specific mention.

International  
mission/  
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source The GRP-NDFP Peace Negotiations: Major Written Agreements & Outstanding Issues, p. 76.

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